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Thomas M. Blewitt
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Scranton 1972 BA;
Marywood Col 1979 MPA; Temple 1983 JD
Began Service: February 21, 1992
Term Expires: February 20, 2008

Government: Special Investigator, Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection, United States Department of Justice (1972-1980); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Lackawanna, Pennsylvania (1984-1986); Assistant Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1986-1992)

Legal Practice: Associate, Law Office of Marshall E. Anders (1983-1984); Associate, Lenahan & Dempsey (1988-1989)

Current Memberships: Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lackawanna Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

Staff

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J. Andrew Smyser
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Lehigh 1969 BA; Georgetown 1972 JD
Began Service: June 15, 1982
Term Expires: June 2014

Government: Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1979); Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania (1979-1980); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1980-1982)

Current Memberships: Dauphin County Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Melissa Sayres** (717) 221-3980
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Malachy E. Mannion
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
Education: Scranton 1976 BS; Pace 1979 JD
Began Service: January 4, 2001
Term Expires: January 3, 2009

Academic: Lecturer, United States Department of Justice Attorney General's Advocacy Institute; Lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Lecturer, Federal Bar Association

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Nassau, New York (1980-1986); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1986-1993); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1997-2001)

Legal Practice: Partner, Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn, P.C. (1993-1997)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Lackawanna Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Krista Ammenhauser** (570) 826-6229
Began Service: 2007
Education: Scranton 1992; Widener 1996 JD
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William H. Askey
Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1919
Education: Bucknell 1941 BA; Pittsburgh 1951 JD
Began Service: June 21, 1971
Term Expires: June 20, 2011

Government: United States Commissioner (part-time), Office of the United States Commissioner (1964-1971)

Military Service: United States Army Air Corp (1941-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lycoming Law Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

Staff

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Donetta W. Ambrose
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Duquesne 1967 BA, 1970 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania (1970); Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1971-1972)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania (1977-1981)

Judicial: Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (1982-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Ambrose & Ambrose (1974-1981)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Commission on Women in the Profession, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Westmoreland Bar Association; Womens Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

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Number of Judgeships: 2

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John J. Thomas
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Dickinson 1972 JD
Began Service: January 10, 1992
Term Expires: January 10, 2020

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Pennsylvania State University (1987-1992)

Government: Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (1974-1985); First Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (1984-1985)

Current Memberships: Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association

Staff

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Mary D. France
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 3, 2003

Staff

Career Law Clerk **John D. Kelly** (717) 901-2846

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Robert N. Opel

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Robert N. Opel
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: September 2006
Term Expires: September 2020